MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not collected all the information as to how many recruitments took place after 1101.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In view of my answer to part (*a*), may I know from the Government whether they propose to appoint in the future at least a non-Brahmin Hindu Tamilian as Judge?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member wants the Government to state what course of action they would adopt. I cannot at present say anything definite; but still I will say that the question will be considered.

Concession in the matter of tax in Nanjinad.

17. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any representation from Nanjinad that *Thoram* fields, tank-bed and *Puduval* conversions be given the same concession in the matter of tax as those of *Ayacut* lands; and

(*b*) if so, whether they took any action on such representation; if so what it is.

DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being enquired into.

The appointment of Trade Agents.

18. **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any idea of appointing trade agents from Travancore in any of the European countries, or America or Japan;

(*b*) what has become of the budget allotment for 1107 M. E. with regard to the appointment of trade agents in London; and

(*c*) whether Government intend appointing chief agents and assistants to the chief agents, in order to render proper advice to the chief agents about the local conditions of agricultural and industrial products?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Not at present.

(*b*) No provision was made in the budget for 1107 for this purpose, but a sum of Rs. 30,000 was provided in the budget of 1108 for the appointment of a Trade Agent in London temporarily for one year. This provision was not used.

(*c*) Government are considering the feasibility of appointing agents in some of the important trade centres in India. Provision has been made in the Budget for 1109.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why the allotment of Rs. 30,000 was not utilised for appointing a Trade Agent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): On consideration, it was found better to appoint the agents in India first.

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